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To: Macaulay.Terry@DeltaCouncil
Subject: Please enact the EWC recommendations to protect California water supplies
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Dear Mr. Macaulay,

I am a Californian concerned about both my water and our state's environment, and the fish and wildlife that need it for survival. I am concerned about the Bay-Delta because it is a rich and diverse watershed, and home to one of our state's iconic fish - Chinook salmon. We need to recover this estuary and these fish before they go extinct.

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan process is severely flawed. The Delta Reform Act of 2009 made it state policy to reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California's future water supply needs. BDCP's plans to increase Delta water exports in direct conflict with this policy. The Act also directed the State Water Board to generate a report identifying fresh water flows needed to protect the Delta's public trust resources. The Act states that the State Board's findings are intended to inform the BDCP. The BDCP has ignored the Board's findings.

The Environmental Water Caucus, representing 30 state-wide groups, presented recommendations to the Council in Stockton for the EIR and Delta Plan. I want you to know I support their recommendations, and ask the Council to evaluate these recommendations as alternatives in the development of this plan. It is critical that the Council realize that new and innovative strategies on water management are needed to balance both the state's water needs and the recovery of the Delta.

These recommendations can serve as a framework for this new approach to water management.

Sincerely,

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